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SUBJ: U. S. Delegation to Fifth Session of ECE

1. The next annual session of the Economic Commission for Europe is now scheduled for May 31 - June 14, 1950. (It had previously been announced for May 29 - June 10.) In view of the preparations required, it is not too early to consider the composition of the U. S. Delegation. It is safe to assume that the Fifth Session, like its predecessors, will be attended by high level representatives from virtually all European countries, including the USSR and its satellites, and that the debate will be lively. The United States will inevitably be required to participate actively.

2. We assume that Ambassador W. Averell Harriman, U. S. Representative on the Economic Commission for Europe, will head the Delegation and will be assisted by Robert E. Asher, Alternate U. S. Representative.

3. In addition, the following are suggested for the consideration of Ambassador Harriman and the Department as advisers to the Fifth Session Delegation:

a. Miss Miriam Camp: Miss Camp has had major responsibility for back-stopping the ECE work in Washington, has attended each of the previous sessions, and is thoroughly familiar with the problems involved. Her designation as an adviser to the Delegation is strongly urged.

b. Mr. Philip Bonsal: Mr. Bonsal of the Office of the Special Representative in Paris has followed carefully the work of the ECE, played a major role in developing and maintaining the close cooperative relationship between OEE and the Resident Delegation in Geneva, participated in ECE technical committee and main Commission sessions, and maintained regular personal contact with a number of the key representatives from other ECE governments.

c. Mr. Paul R. Porter: Prior to his appointment as ECA Administrator for Greece, Mr. Porter was Alternate U. S. Representative to ECE and Chief of the Resident Delegation in Geneva. He has served as an effective spokesman for the USA at all previous sessions, known all the personalities involved, and is fully familiar with the problems facing the Commission. We feel that his contribution would be of major value to the Delegation.

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Mr. Russell S. McClure: The Deputy Chief of the Resident Delegation has always been included as an adviser and been required to play an active role. As a result of his participation in all previous sessions and many of the technical committees during his long service in Geneva and Paris, Mr. McClure is well-equipped to function as an adviser on any aspect of ECA work likely to be discussed at the Fifth Session.

e. Representation from a U.S. Eastern European Mission: Because of the nature of the discussions, it is highly desirable that the Delegation include someone currently serving or who has recently served behind the Iron Curtain. Among the persons who should be favorably considered is Alexander Schnee, Chief of the Economic and Political Section at the American Embassy, Prague. Mr. Schnee was previously Second Secretary of the Legation at Rome, has attended a number of ECA Sessions, is familiar with the work and has continued to provide our staff with useful information on economic developments in Eastern Europe. Consideration might also be given to William Purdie, Embassy Belgrade, or alternatively to someone in Embassy Warsaw.

f. Representation from Germany: There has usually been much discussion of German and German problems at Commission sessions. The designation of a well-informed adviser from EDCG is therefore recommended.

g. Other Advisers: The staff officers of the U.S. Resident Delegation, particularly Messrs. Clavin, Jenkins, Oser, Shaw and Trieste will, of course, be on hand and prepared to assist as necessary, whether or not they are formally designated as Advisers. Ambassador Harrison may wish to bring additional advisers from Paris (in particular, for example, a public relations advisor capable of preparing speeches). Finally, it would also be desirable to invite John Carter Vincent, U. S. Minister to Switzerland, to designate a representative of the Legation or ECA at Geneva where our work has at all times been followed with active interest.

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